

Exhibit 24

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

2 FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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4 **BLACK LOVE RESISTS IN THE RUST, et al.,**
5 **individually and on behalf of a class of**
6 **all others similarly situated,**

7 Plaintiffs,

8 -vs-

1:18-cv-00719-CCR

9 **CITY OF BUFFALO, N.Y., et al.,**

10 Defendants.
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12 **ORAL EXAMINATION OF CHARLES SKIPPER**

13 **APPEARING REMOTELY FROM**

14 **ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

15
16 Friday, March 5, 2021

17 10:05 a.m. - 2:02 p.m.

18 pursuant to notice
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21 REPORTED BY:

22 Carrie A. Fisher, Notary Public

23 APPEARING REMOTELY FROM ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK

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CHARLES SKIPPER - BY MR. CHARNEY - 03/05/21

1 Q. In this email, the part I just read,
2 Officer -- I am sorry, Lieutenant Wilcox, you
3 know, says that "the plate reader has been
4 paid for many times over," which do you
5 understand that to mean that that has to do
6 with the money that is brought in by tickets
7 that are issued?

8 A. What it costs for a plate reader, I don't
9 know. I am not privy to that.

10 Q. I guess --

11 A. I am assuming he means that they generated
12 revenue from writing tickets that paid for
13 that machine.

14 Q. Got it.

15 And was that something -- generating
16 revenue, was that something that any of your
17 supervisors in the Strike Force ever discussed
18 with you as it came to why they wanted you to
19 write tickets?

20 A. No.

21 MR. QUINN: Object to form. You can
22 answer.

23 A. No, sir.

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1 Q. Got it.

2 Did anyone in the BPD ever discuss with
3 you raising revenue as a reason why they
4 wanted you to write traffic tickets?

5 MR. QUINN: Object to form. You can
6 answer.

7 A. No, sir. No, sir.

8 Q. Now at any point when you were in the Strike
9 Force, did you ever receive a performance
10 evaluation from any of your supervisors?

11 A. Did they do evaluations? I am not sure. Did
12 I sit down and do a one-on-one evaluation? I
13 don't think so.

14 Q. Did they ever communicate -- I am sorry, did
15 they ever give you anything in writing that
16 evaluated your performance as a Strike Force
17 officer?

18 A. I don't believe so.

19 Q. Did you ever have -- did you ever discuss with
20 any of your supervisors the quality of your
21 performance as a Strike Force officer?

22 A. No, I knew I was --

23 MR. QUINN: Object to form. You can

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1 And so once it read and it got a hit, it
2 sent you a notification that something --
3 there is an issue with that vehicle?

4 A. It rings an alarm and it actually verbally
5 states suspended or revoked registration and
6 it freezes --

7 Q. Got it.

8 A. -- the copy of the picture to your screen
9 until you acknowledge it. And at that time,
10 you flip screens, you head to Department of
11 Motor Vehicles, and you run the license plate
12 to confirm it.

13 Q. Okay. So the license plate reader notified
14 you that there was an issue with her -- with
15 Ms. Redden's vehicle's registration; is that
16 correct?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Okay. Did it also notify you about the fact
19 that she had failed to change her address at
20 the DMV?

21 A. No, sir.

22 Q. Okay. So once you got that hit from the LP --
23 or the notification from the LPR that there

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1 STATE OF NEW YORK)

2 COUNTY OF ERIE)

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4 I, Carrie A. Fisher, Notary Public, in and
5 for the County of Erie, State of New York, do
6 hereby certify:

7 That the witness whose testimony appears
8 hereinbefore was, before the commencement of
9 their testimony, duly sworn to testify the
10 truth, the whole truth and nothing but the
11 truth; that said testimony was taken remotely
12 pursuant to notice at the time and place as
13 herein set forth; that said testimony was
14 taken down by me and thereafter transcribed
15 into typewriting, and I hereby certify the
16 foregoing testimony is a full, true and
17 correct transcription of my shorthand notes so
18 taken.

19 I further certify that I am neither counsel
20 for nor related to any party to said action,
21 nor in anyway interested in the outcome
22 thereof.

23 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
subscribed my name and affixed my seal this
26th day of March, 2021.

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